

December 19, 2005
Regular Session

Minutes

Members present

Brady Wooten- Chairman
Allen Sneed- Vice- Chairman
Leon Casstevens- Commissioner
Kim Clark Phillips- Commissioner
D.C. Swaim- Commissioner

Others Present

Cecil E. Wood- County Manager
Melinda Vestal-Clerk to the Board
James Graham-County Attorney

Chairman Wooten called the meeting to order. Attorney Graham had the invocation. Mary Alice Hoots, Forbush Elementary School President, led the pledge of allegiance. Miss. Hoots reviewed her years at Forbush Elementary and discussed the activities and academic accomplishments for Forbush Elementary.

Public Hearing- Zoning

Melanie Leleux, Planning Tech, presented the following zoning requests:

- ❖ Grace Miller- 1721 Nebo Road, request to change from rural agriculture to community business. Planning Board approved.
- ❖ Platinum Construction Corporation- Country Club Road, request to change from residential restricted to residential institutional. Planning Board approved.

Chairman Wooten closed the public hearing.

Public comments

Chairman Wooten reviewed the guidelines for public comments and requested anyone who wished to speak should do so during this time.

Ricky McCollum, retired educator, stated he honors and respects the position of a Commissioner. He stated he is a taxpayer and does not mind paying if it is for the betterment of the county. He discussed some money issues facing the county and asked if his tax dollars were being spent wisely. He disagrees paying for a grant writer who does not know the needs of the county; this money could be used toward infrastructure. He stated that there were cuts in personnel and services in the county during this budget. He asked the Board to use common sense and spend money for the betterment of the county and citizens. He commented being a commissioner is a tough job.

Veta Hemric, Hamptonville, stated it is the responsibility of the citizens to help promote Yadkin County. She spoke about her business ventures.

Alice Singh, Yadkinville, asked the Board to reconsider the continuation of the grant writer's contract; she has only seen him twice at meetings.

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***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Register of Deeds-personnel

Karen Wagoner, Register of Deeds, presented a request to hire Aric Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm will be responsible for the repair of vital records and his salary would come from the automation funds

Chairman Wooten stated the Board would consider the request during the workshop in January.

Elections

Jack Shore, Claude Wiseman and Ken Alley, Board of Election members, addressed the Commissioners regarding the purchase of new voting machines. Mr. Shore stated there are state and federal dollars available; no cost to the county.

Attorney Graham asked what type of voting machine would be purchased?

Mr. Shore stated the same we have now, just an updated version. .

Mr. Wood stated the Board of Elections will hold a workshop on the new machines. The county may need to put extra personnel at the precincts during elections and these workers would be paid with county dollars.

Commissioner Phillips asked if this would interfere with the wine referendum?

Mr. Alley responded there has not been an official approach about the referendum.

Mr. Wiseman stated there will be a public forum on January 12th from 5:30-8:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room.

The Board discussed spoiled/bad ballots.

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to move ahead with the purchase of the new machines. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Schools-loan

Capital Project Ordinance
Science & Technology Labs for
Forbush and Starmount High Schools
December 19, 2005

Be it ordained by the Board of County Commissioners of Yadkin County, that pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Capital Project Ordinance be adopted:

Section 1. The Project authorized is the construction of science and technology labs at Forbush and Starmount High Schools

Section 2. The Officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the Capital Project.

Section 3. The following amounts are appropriated for the project;

Construction Cost	\$4,959,000
Professional Fees	\$470,000

Equipment	\$521,000
Contingency	<u>\$50,000</u>
	\$6,000,000

Section 4. The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project.

Loan	\$6,000,000
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***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the capital project ordinance. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Soil and Water- R-O-W

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the r-o-w for DOT located at Dinkins Bottom Road. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Tax Administration-refunds

REFUNDS
DATE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL
DECEMBER 19, 2005
NAME/REASON
DESMOND FINNEY
126 S MAIN ST.
JONESVILLE NC 28642
APPRAISER CORR TO A MH NOT A
HOUSE
RANSOM FINNEY
122 S MAIN ST
JONESVILLE NC 28642
APPRAISER CORR TO A MH NOT A
HOUSE
LE (GENE) PARDUE
313 HAYWOOD ST
JONESVILLE NC 28642
APPRAISER CORR APT VALUE
SHARON NICELY
5700 WINDING CREEK LANE

EAST BEND NC 27018
Corr sq footage of house

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to approve the refunds except for Sharon Nicely due to no reason given. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Chairman Wooten called for a break.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to approve the refund for Sharon Nicely. The reason for the refund was the square footage was corrected. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Zoning- requests from public hearing

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to adopt the zoning changes for Grace Miller and Platinum Construction. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Phillips expressed her condolences to Sheriff Cain and Kim Cain on the passing of J.C. Cain. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked everyone to remember those less fortunate.

Commissioner Phillips stated she would like to establish a task force to work with the Hispanic community.

Commissioner Phillips stated the county paid Capitol Links \$94,733.33. She asked the citizens to review the Capitol Links website and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Casstevens replied if the county had hired Tom Webb from Mt.Airy, the county would have some grants. He agreed with Commissioner Phillips to release Mick Staton, Capitol Links.

Commissioner Casstevens stated he went to the funeral home to pay his respects to the Cain family. He commented J.C. Cain was a well-liked man.

Commissioner Sneed stated he went to visit Mr. Cain the day he died. He talked of his beautiful musical instruments.

Commissioner Sneed inquired about Sizemore Road.

Mr. Wood stated he has been working with the Board of Education and DOT. They have altered the school bus stop, but cutting some brush is still needed.

Commissioner Sneed inquired if Waste Management had discontinued bringing cardboard to the landfill.

Commissioner Swaim expressed his condolences to the Cain family. He also informed the Board of the passing of David Mann, former DSS Board member.

Commissioner Swaim discussed the vote to put out a wine referendum. He explained the referendum would allow the citizens of Yadkin County to express their opinions to sell wine in the county. He stated when he ran in 2002 he took the stand that he would not vote for alcohol; his position is still unchanged. He stated he would accept the decision of the people and move forward.

Chairman Wooten expressed his condolences to the Cain family.

Chairman Wooten discussed the construction of the new EMS outposts. He suggested a Board member go by the site and report to the Board on the progress.

Mr. Wood stated a Board member could be involved.

Commissioner Phillips stated she does not think this is necessary. She sees this as micromanaging.

Chairman Wooten stated this person would not have any authority; they would just keep the Board updated.

Commissioner Sneed stated he would check on the progress, if it's all right with the other Board members.

The Board took no action.

Chairman Wooten discussed setting a workshop in January.

Commissioner Swaim reminded the Board that the meeting dates in January need to be changed due to the holidays.

The Board agreed to change the first Monday meeting to Tuesday, January 3rd and the third Monday meeting to Tuesday, January 17th.

The Board set a workshop for Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Wooten encouraged the other members to come prepared with questions and suggestions on issues facing the county.

Chairman Wooten asked if an Environmental Specialist position was open?

Mr. Wood stated yes. He also requested the Board allow Mike Williams to work overtime and drive his vehicle home, as he did before to keep inspections current.

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to allow Mike Williams to work overtime and drive his vehicle home to keep inspections current. This would be reviewed in thirty days. Commissioner Casstevens seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Manager comments

Mr. Wood updated the Board on the loan application. The response he has received is very positive, but the final commitment would not come until July. He reminded the Board that Hwy 21 has ditch to ditch r-o-w. He asked if the Board wished to offer incentives to those allowing easements.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the project and for Mr. Wood to update them at the January 9th meeting.

Mr. Wood discussed economic development and the need for water in the I-77/Hwy 421 project area. He thinks grant money is available but does not know if the grant would cover the entire project; may require some county dollars.

Chairman Wooten stated to move forward on the issue.

Mr. Wood stated he would check and see what it would mean to the businesses for water and sewer in the area.

Mr. Wood reported the Mountain Crest project has been turned over to the COG.

Mr. Wood informed the Board the monthly check for animal shelter was very good.

Ricky McCollum informed the Board that former Commissioner Thomas Wooten is at home.

Closed Session

***Commissioner Casstevens made the motion to go in closed session per G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6)(3), personnel and to consult with the attorney. Commissioner Sneed seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

***Commissioner Swaim made the motion to come out of closed session. Commissioner Phillips seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Attorney Graham reviewed the case involving the fugitive who was picked up by our Sheriff's office and while the fugitive was in our custody required medical attention. Baptist Hospital sent the county a bill for \$164,373.40. After reviewing the bill and negotiating with the hospital's attorney, a settlement was reached for \$57,404.31; this satisfies the county's obligation.

Adjournment

***Commissioner Sneed made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Swaim seconded. The Board voted 5-0.**

Melinda Vestal, Clerk to the Board